

# WASHINGTON CITY.

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## GOVERNOR WALKER'S INAUGURAL.

We received the inaugural of Governor Walker to the people of Kansas at a late hour to-day, and by great exertion we are enabled to give it to our readers in this evening's issue of the Union. The reputation of its distinguished author for talent, experience, and patriotism, as well as the important topics of which it treats, will command for it the most attentive and extensive perusal. It is a very long document, and we have not had time to read it with proper attention, and we therefore reserve any comment which it may be proper to make till we have examined it with that care which its importance so justly demands.

## THE WASHINGTON ELECTION RIOTS.

There are some facts connected with this matter which are undeniably true:

1. There was a city election on Monday last under a law of Congress, and there were two tickets regularly nominated—the Union and the know-nothing. That last year the Union party elected the mayor by a small majority, and was likely to prevail this year.

2. That the judges of election this year were all appointed by the know-nothings, and they selected the place of voting and designated the mode and manner of receiving votes.

3. That some forty or fifty reckless rowdies and bullies came here from Baltimore. Their fare here and back was all paid by one person. That their meals were all ordered by one person, and paid for by one person. That when they mostly roamed about the city in a body accompanied by know-nothings, very many of whom were congenial spirits. They brought with them sundry kinds of weapons, more or less deadly, including revolvers, pistols, bowie-knives, billies, and dirks.

4. That while the know-nothings treated them as associates, and marched from place to place and poll to poll with them.

5. That a know-nothing, having in his possession a brass cannon formerly borrowed from the navy-yard, let know-nothing rowdies bring it from near that place, and when the chief of police drew its charge he found it heavily loaded, and among other deadly things it contained eight paving stones, about sixty rifle balls, and pounds of slugs and coarse shot.

6. That these Baltimore plug uglies, and their know-nothing associates, made an assault upon the Union men at the first precinct in the Second Ward, fired several pistols, wounded one man, resisted the police, beat them severely, and drove them from the polls. That on the leading citizens closing their stores in the vicinity and preparing to defend the polls, the plug uglies and the know-nothing bullies left the polls, and did not return.

7. That the plug uglies and their associates drew the cannon from Pennsylvania avenue, over a quarter of a mile, to near the Seventh-street Market, where a poll was open for the Fourth Ward.

8. That these rioters caused the poll to be closed, (but for which it is supposed the entire Union ticket would have been elected, and Emory defeated), and they kept the Union men and all others from voting.

9. That, in consequence of the forcible resistance to the execution of the laws, and preventing citizens exercising the elective franchise, the mayor was induced to call upon the President for aid to sustain the laws, and was the cause of his ordering out the marines to quell the disturbances, and to protect the citizens in voting.

10. That the marines attended at the Seventh-street poll, where the mayor addressed the rioters, and urged them to allow the election to proceed, and read the law to them. That the plug uglies and their friends, instead of yielding to the law and request of the mayor, endeavored to fire the cannon, and one sought to shoot Gen. Henderson with a pistol, and was prevented by a blow on the arm from a marine.

11. That by order of their officers the marines, with fixed bayonets, drove the plug uglies and their friends from the cannon, and took it from them; that thereupon they fired their revolvers and pistols, and three stones, bricks, and other missiles upon the marines, citizens, and whoever might be in range, and killed some and wounded others, including persons who were quietly in their own houses; and that, under this galling attack, the marines fired one volley upon the rioters, and they scattered, firing and throwing missiles as they went. Whereupon peace and order were restored.

12. That not a single know-nothing is known to have said one word or did one thing to arrest the acts of the plug uglies and their rowdy associates, though many were present, and among them several who have hitherto been regarded as respectable and influential citizens, and who could at almost any stage of the riot have put an end to the disorder, and prevented the effusion of blood and the closing of the poll.

13. That the know-nothing party here, including their leaders, instead of aiding in detecting and punishing the criminal, secreted whoever they can, and approve the conduct of the offenders, and condemn those who upheld the laws; and the leading men of the party are getting up a public meeting to approve of the conduct of the plug uglies and the other bullies, and to denounce those who sought to preserve the peace, uphold the laws, and protect the elector in giving his vote.

Other facts will soon be developed. But we submit these to the thinking and well meaning, and ask them to reflect and express their opinions upon them. Can peace and order-loving men, who believe in a government of laws, in protecting the innocent and punishing the guilty, approve the course of the know-nothing leaders, as developed in their notorious and indisputable acts? Are such means to be resorted to in all parts of the country to "regulate elections" whenever it is found democrats or Union men will triumph?

A telegraphic despatch from Boston announces the death of that city of Hon. Henry Hubbard, ex-governor of New Hampshire.

ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.  
The Democratic State convention of Alabama met and organized at Montgomery on Monday last. Hon. John Erwin presided. One ballot for a candidate for governor was taken, when a motion to adjourn until the next day prevailed. The vote stood:

John E. Moore..... 131  
A. R. Moore..... 103  
John Cochran..... 80  
W. F. Sanford..... 77  
F. G. Norman..... 19  
David Hubbard..... 18

Returns have been received from ten counties in the eleventh congressional district, Virginia, which give Jenkins a majority of 1,160 over Canfield.

## ANNEXATION IN LIBERIA.

We published in our issue of May 30, under the above heading, some interesting statistics relative to the late military operations, population, resources, and future prospects of the State of Maryland, in Liberia, and we also presented to our readers, in the same article, a synopsis of the message of President Benson of April 6 to the extra session of the legislature of Liberia, convened chiefly to consider the application of this State to be admitted into the republic as the county of Cape Palmas. The following extracts from an interesting letter recently received by a gentleman of this city from his son, an officer on board the United States ship St. Louis, under date of March 18, which we are kindly permitted to publish, contain additional information on the same subject, which, apart from the valuable commercial statistics which accompany them, will be read with interest:

"MONROVIA, March 18, 1857.  
"We arrived here from Cape Palmas on the 12th inst., where we had been ordered to land our presence, and if necessary our assistance, in the settlement of the war between the Cape Palmas people and the natives. On our arrival we found Governor (ex-President) Roberts with a force of one hundred and twenty-five men under his command, who had been ordered to Cape Palmas by the President of Liberia immediately on the intelligence reaching him of the war. In the mean time, the Cape Palmas people had driven the natives from their town and destroyed it, and were, in fact, in the process of the destruction of their town and its inhabitants. The natives, on learning of the success which had so providentially arrived, and seeing the impossibility of coping with so well armed and organized a force, thought that discretion was the better part of valor, and sent a flag of truce with the proposition to have a peace, which was agreed to on the part of the colonists. The following day King Yellow Will, accompanied by the chief men of his tribe, came into town, and they were met by a company of Liberia troops, who escorted them to the Episcopal Missionary Asylum, where the peace was to be held. The palaver lasted several days, and was finally settled by treaty to the satisfaction of all parties.

"Cape Palmas, or the State of Maryland in Liberia, is a settlement of colored people principally from the State of Maryland, who have, since the establishment of the colony, been supported by the Maryland Colonization Society. They were entirely independent of Liberia until the recent difficulty, when, seeing their inability to protect themselves from the attacks of unfriendly tribes around them, asked to be received into the republic of Liberia as a county. A commission was accordingly appointed for the purpose of receiving her.

"Before the embarkment of troops on board H. B. M.'s steamer 'Heda,' which had been sent from Sierra Leone for the purpose of transporting them to Monrovia, Gov. Drayton resigned into the hands of the commission the authority vested in him. The troops were formed into a square, having the flag-staff in the center, and as the steamer of the republic of Liberia was unfurled, the troops presented arms, gave three hurrahs, and the 'State of Maryland in Liberia' ceased to be an independent State. After the ceremony, the troops, who were dressed in the Zouave uniform by the government of France, went through the battalion drill quite well considering the short time they had been in service. Each volunteer receives for his services, independent of his pay and rations, a town lot and 100 acres of farm land.

"Monrovia has wonderfully improved within the last year, and presents a scene of activity which would astonish those who have not visited here during that time. For fear of being accused of complacency, I will mention two important improvements advertised in the 'Liberian Herald'—one, a steam sugar-mill; the other an eating-house, (sign of the knife and fork); where fresh oysters, hot pies, ginger beer, &c., &c., can be had at all reasonable hours, and at quite moderate prices. Her commerce, which is increasing quite rapidly, and which surprises me to find our government has no treaty of commerce with Liberia. It has been proposed, as the *on dit* goes, by England to give \$20,000 (\$100,000) to Liberia for the right of free trade for the term of ten years. If this be true, though I hardly believe it can be, it will have the effect of throwing the entire trade in the hands of the English, as our merchants will not be able to compete with them while they have no duties to pay.

"I enclose a statistical statement of the imports and exports of this port for the year 1856, and it is the least important of all the ports of entry. The modification in the tariff will tend to increase her revenue. On the article of spirits alone the duty has been reduced from \$1 per gallon to 25 cents ad valorem.

"The people begin to see the importance of turning their attention to agriculture, and it is believed that in four or five years the production of sugar, coffee, and rice will sustain a population of one hundred millions. The triumphs of the people in the high places of the land, and as representatives of the nation, have been heretofore before kings; no other nation presents such spectacles.

"Hold on, then, to the popular character of the government as to a ship when night and tempests come. No such prosperous a land can be found under the sun; our lines have indeed been cut in pleasant places.

"Fifty-seven years ago all the Northwest Territory contained only 30,000 people; now its limits include 6,000,000. The man is now living whose axe felled the first tree of these forests, and there are men now alive who will not pass away until the United States has gained a population of one hundred millions. The triumphs of the people in the high places of the land, and as representatives of the nation, have been heretofore before kings; no other nation presents such spectacles.

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"The allusions of your excellency to the Puritan settlement at Marietta were happily made. This was the second step in the march of that progressing race, whose powerful influence is felt in the land.

"The first landing was at Jamestown, the second on the north side of this river. Improvements followed in their wake.

"They have diffused learning here with a liberal hand, the best mark of human nature."

It is stated in the foreign correspondence of several New York papers that the United States steam frigate Niagara will not take on board the cable of the Atlantic submarine telegraph, but will be used for escort duty.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Light-house in Minorca.—Information has been received from S. Ladio, United States consul at Port Mahon, that a new sea-coast light-house has been erected on the Cabo Caballero, northern coast of Minorca.

The light is fixed. The apparatus is catadioptric, of the second class. It is situated in latitude 40° 5' 48" N., longitude 10° 21' 38" E. of the observatory of the royal navy of San Fernando. The light may be seen from a distance of 20 miles in good circumstances.

Military Posts.—The new post recently established near Tucson, New Mexico, will hereafter be known as Fort Buchanan.

The following military stations are announced as post-rotation posts, and will be considered as such from the date of their present occupation by troops:

Department of Texas, Fort Lancaster, Camps Cooper, Colorado, and Verde.  
Department of the West, Fort Randall.  
Department of the Pacific, Forts Walla-Walla and Sinoe.  
Department of New Mexico, Fort Buchanan.  
Department of Florida, Forts Center, Dulany, McRae, and Meade.

Appointment.—Elias K. Potts, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed a second lieutenant in the seventh regiment of infantry.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.  
The steam-frigate Mississippi is now fitting out at New York for the East Indies, and the following-named officers have been ordered to report by the first of July, namely:

Captain Wm. C. Nicholson; Lieuts. R. N. Stembel, John P. Decatur, Thomas Pattison, John G. Sprout, and Henry Erben; passed midshipman George Bacon, acting master; surgeon, John A. Fox; passed assistant surgeon, J. P. Hensties; assistant surgeon, P. S. Fale; purser, Ed. Reynolds; chief engineer, Robert Danby; first assistant, Thomas A. Jackson and Virginia Freeman; second assistants, Lloyd A. Williams, and R. M. Barteman; third assistants, Wm. P. De Sanno, Benj. C. Hampton, and Joseph H. Warrington; boatswain, John Bates; gunner, James M. Woodward; carpenter, Ebenezer Thompson; sailmaker, J. C. Bradford.

GEN. CASS'S SPEECH.  
The railroad excursionists, whose movements for the last week have been chronicled by the press with great fidelity, were welcomed to Ohio by Gov. Chase in person, whose address on that occasion is spoken of as exceedingly felicitous. His address elicited the following brief but very interesting reply from Gen. Cass:

"I have listened with deep interest to the address by your excellency in your recognition of the strangers who have just landed on the north bank of the Ohio.

"Of all persons on earth, none more than myself can appreciate these passing scenes. Within a few feet of where you now stand I landed more than half a century ago, a poor, young adventurer, seeking in this land of promise to commence my first enterprise in life; this was the land of my first trial, my first sacrifice; here commenced my career in life—my hopes and my fears.

"Your excellency may judge, then, that there could be nothing more strange than the Ohio of the past and the Ohio of to-day. The circumstances under which I now find myself are sensations of more than an ordinary character. Here was my first school—I went into it to fight a great battle of life—I returned with it fought. The result is a glorious illustration of the popular character of our institutions. The poor boy has represented the people in the high places of the land, and as representative of the nation has been heretofore before kings; no other nation presents such spectacles.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON ACQUEDUCT.—FATAL ACCIDENT.—The Star of this evening says:

"We understand that over six hundred men are now at work upon the aqueduct. None of the new contractors have yet commenced operations, though several have executed their contracts and finished their work. The old contractors are at work upon the Georgetown and the Great Falls divisions, with about twenty-two men. The remainder of the force is at work for the United States, building a conduit near the Great Falls, and also near the Little Falls, upon portions of the work heretofore commenced and again suspended for years. There is a force, also, in the Seneca quarry, quarrying stone for the aqueduct, and a gang of carpenters at Westburg getting out centres for bridges.

"We regret to learn that an accident occurred on Contractor Decker's work about three p. m., yesterday, by which four men were caught under a clay bank which they were undermining. Two were killed on the spot, and of the other two, one was dug out with his leg broken below the knee; the other had his thigh broken in two places. The wounded were brought down on the packet, and are now in the infirmary, where their limbs were set and wounds dressed."

The good citizens of Washington are so restricted just now in the line of public amusements that we are not surprised that the semi-weekly performances of the Marine Band are honored by such large and bewitchingly gay audiences. It is true that we have heard much better music from much more players, but the grounds of the Capitol and of the presidential mansion are so picturesque, so pleasing to the eye and grateful to the heart, and you are sure besides of meeting in the finely-gravelled walks so many nothing and noticeable persons of both sexes, and dressed, too, in a style which speaks well for the taste and pockets of daughters and fathers, wives and husbands, that the wonder ceases at witnessing these glorious monster gatherings on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

The attendance this evening was very large and very brilliant, and the Band was as feebly effective as usual.

BEGGARS.—Our city is literally overrun with them, men and women, and a large number of children by way of variety. They molest our inhabitants everywhere, and are more than ordinarily importunate, and act as if they had right to demand alms without the presumption of a refusal. These beggars, it is reasonable to suppose, are from abroad—beggars by profession. They are filthy in appearance, evidently conceiving that dirt is the surest guarantee of success in their vocation.

THE FESTIVAL in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association promises to be remunerative. The ladies of different denominations have entered with pleasure upon the business assigned them, and will vend refreshments and luxuries suited to the season, interspersed with choice music, affording an innocent and agreeable entertainment.

THEATRES were yesterday selling in Centre Market for from \$1 75 to \$2 25 apiece, and soft crabs at \$1 a dozen. We have not heard whether boarding-house keepers were the exclusive purchasers at these reasonable prices.

DEDICATION.—The Western Presbyterian Church, near the corner of H and Nineteenth streets, two squares west of the department grounds, will be dedicated to-morrow. Services morning, afternoon, and night.

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL will meet on Monday next. The anti-know-nothings elected to the board of common council recently have fixed upon Charles Albert, esq., for president of that branch, and Wm. A. Kennedy for secretary.

NAVY COUNCIL No. 1 was engaged to-day with the case of Lieut. Sturdy.

BY TELEGRAPH.  
The Great Railroad Celebration.  
CINCINNATI, June 5.—The railroad celebration in this city to-day was magnificent. The excursionists landed at the levee and the salutes of artillery, and were escorted to carriages and omnibuses, and conveyed through the main streets to the Agricultural Fair grounds, attended by the military. The procession was two miles long. The congregation at the amphitheatre was immense. The building erected for the purpose, the most complete of the kind in the United States. The military, firemen, turners and others, passed in review before a guard of citizens, crowding the amphitheatre to its utmost capacity. An oration was delivered by Judge Bates. Dinner ensued, and the representatives of the different States were toasted and responses made. Pennsylvania was toasted by the speakers, excepted, and the most complete of the kind in the United States. The military, firemen, turners and others, passed in review before a guard of citizens, crowding the amphitheatre to its utmost capacity. 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